

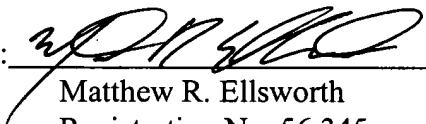
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended several independent claims (*e.g.*, claims 1, 15, 19, 23, 29, 35, 40, 45, and 47). Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at page 37, line 11 through page 39, line 20. Claims 49-56 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, at page 14, lines 5-22.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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